

Taking the Lead

Friday, April 5, 2024

12:30 – 1:45 PM



Community safety can be improved when judges work with the system to help solve challenges. The session will explore the ideas of dedicated domestic violence courts, creative solutions to offender gun removal, the establishment of high-risk offender teams and other ideas implemented in Dallas County, TX.

Learning Objectives:

1. Develop an understanding of processes needed to speed up the time between the dispatch of 911 DV calls to the disposition of cases.
2. Determine if a high-risk felony domestic violence docket makes sense in your community.

Speaker: Paige Flink



Paige Flink is the recently retired CEO of The Family Place, the largest family violence service organization in North Texas. Paige has been a vocal advocate for ending family violence since she joined the organization in 1991. Paige has been instrumental in changing public perception and the North Texas community's response to family violence.

After serving as a volunteer and board member she joined staff as Director of Community Education with focus on special events. In 1997 she became Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer and led the organization in two significant capital campaigns to build a state of the art Safe Campus in 2000 (\$5.2 million). In 2017 she led a \$19 million campaign to build a multipurpose facility which houses an emergency shelter, counseling center, clinic, kennel and administrative offices. Paige led the community to open Faith and Liberty's Place, a supervised visitation and exchange center to provide safety for children during contact with a non- custodial parent. She also opened the first shelter for men and children in the state of Texas and one of the first in the nation. By 2021, the organization had grown to a staff of 200+ employees, with a \$13.5 million operating budget, \$30 million in assets and a supporting foundation with \$4 million in endowment.

Prior to leaving the organization, she developed a technology platform called DV Beds, which provides real time availability for emergency shelter space in Texas. She is currently expanding the platform nationally and continuing her work as an advocate and educator on domestic violence issues.